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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Wesleyan men's basketball team  
3 finished third in the NCAA Division III men's basketball  
4 tournament with a 71-68 win over Amherst (Massachusetts) on  
5 Saturday, March 18 in Salem, Virginia; and

6 WHEREAS, The Titans' season ended with a 25-7 record and  
7 its fourth appearance in the Final Four in the past eleven  
8 years that included a national championship in 1997 and third  
9 place finishes coming in 1996, 2001, and 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, ESPN Sports featured the amazing Illinois  
11 Wesleyan University team on a recent edition of the popular  
12 show "Outside the Lines" as it examined the team's quest for a  
13 national championship during March Madness; and

14 WHEREAS, Senior Keelan Amelianovich led the Titans to  
15 victory with 21 points and eight rebounds, while junior Zach  
16 Freeman scored 19 with seven boards; senior guard Jason Fisher  
17 had his season-high with 16 points; the Titans never trailed in  
18 the game, leading by as many as 16 in the first half and  
19 holding off Amherst (28-4) after they closed to within one  
20 point with 51 seconds left; and

21 WHEREAS, Head coach Scott Trost has led the Illinois  
22 Wesleyan Titans to back-to-back conference championships,  
23 thereby establishing Illinois Wesleyan as a powerhouse of the  
24 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW); and

25 WHEREAS, The following student-athletes led the Titans to  
26 their second consecutive conference championship and third  
27 place in the NCAA Division III Men's basketball tournament:  
28 Andrew Gilmore, Matt Arnold, Mike Harrigan, Mike McGraw, Jason  
29 Fisher, Adam Dauksas, Darius Gant, Andrew Freeman, Zach  
30 Freeman, Keelan Amelianovich, Chris Jones, Steve Schweer, Cory

1 Jones, Tyler Smith, and Steve Manus; this team was led by head  
2 coach Scott Trost and assistant coaches Dennis Martel, David  
3 Steinbrueck, and Chad Hutson; and

4 WHEREAS, During the 2006 season, seniors Adam Dauksas and  
5 Keelan Amelianovich were named first team All-Americans by  
6 D3Hoops.com; Amelianovich was recognized as the ESPN The  
7 Magazine Academic All-American of the Year, and Zach Freeman  
8 was chosen for the second team of the NCAA Division III  
9 All-Midwest Region squads selected by D3hoops.com; Dauksas  
10 became IWU's all-time assist leader this year and is scoring  
11 14.3 points per game; Amelianovich is averaging 18.2 points and  
12 4.3 rebounds and has connected on a school-record 90 3-point  
13 field goals for the Titans; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 the 2006 Illinois Wesleyan University Titans be recognized and  
17 applauded for their accomplishments during the 2006 season, for  
18 their talent and teamwork displayed on the court, and for the  
19 outstanding coaching staff that led the team to back-to-back  
20 conference championships and a third-place finish in the NCAA  
21 Division III men's basketball tournament; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
23 presented to IWU President Richard Wilson and the entire  
24 Illinois Wesleyan University men's basketball team and  
25 coaching staff.